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1. When a [redacted] vessel put into Warnemuende during the month of September because of inclement weather, the Sea Police allotted it a place in the fishery harbor (formerly the yacht harbor). Customs and document controls were carried out in a friendly manner. Cameras were sealed (plombiert). Help for repair of sea damage and outfitting were freely offered. No political indoctrination was attempted.

2. Russian Navy:

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A. Five Russian minesweepers maneuvered in a group before the harbor entrances.

[redacted] A gun of not more than 5 cm was located on the stern. On each side of the superstructure, directly before the funnel, was a small flak gun. On several boats it was possible to recognize paravane cranes on the quarterdeck. One boat was fitted out as a buoy tender.

B. The boats were of about 200 tons and about 30 m long. They entered the harbor [redacted] and tied up on the inner edge of the east mole near the ferry slip. There were two packets of two boats each and one unattended. One boat hung a blue lamp on the yordern during the night. This might have been a watchboat.

C. The boats left early Sunday morning [redacted] for additional maneuvers outside the harbor. [redacted] these 50X1-HUM boats were being tested for strains.

D. Russian navy vessels seldom come to Warnemuende. The same is true of Swinemuende and the vessels remain only a short time when they do come. Only small minesweeping units and patrol boats are regularly stationed in these harbors. Several large tugs with Russian flags are in the Warnemuende shipyard. A smaller minetender with the designation BW 23 came into Warnemuende [redacted]

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3. Shipyard in Warnemuende:

Fish cutters and luggers are regularly built, but at the rate of ten for the Russians to one for the East Germans. A larger volume of shipbuilding will be undertaken. A 10,000 ton ship is already under construction.

4. Docks:

A dock 240 m long and another 80 m long, which will serve as dry docks are being built on the Breitling.

5. Ships:

A. The former [] steamer, [] was being rebuilt and lay in the shipyard without funnels. It was possible to observe only the superstructure 50X1-HUM which showed above a high fence screening it off. It has been removed to the railroad station side of the harbor basin because the [] is supposed to enter the harbor. Work is carried out on this ship day and night. 50X1-HUM

B. The 18,000 ton former [] steamer, [] now the **ADMIRAL NAKHIMOV** lay at anchor in the roadstead. The harbor was blocked off to other traffic in order to permit the entry of this ship which is supposed to be overhauled at the shipyards. 50X1-HUM

C. The former [] steamer [] now the **SIBERIA**, and [] now the [] are no longer in the harbor. 50X1-HUM

D. The training ship, [] entered the harbor []. It is a 300 ton ship built along yacht lines (all per stem, yacht stern). It is white and well painted. Rigged like a brigantine, the rigging was not trimmed. The yards were not braced square, and were in great disorder. The vessel seemed to have too much sail. The ship is not permitted to sail on the high seas. Training of new recruits for the Sea Police takes place on board. These men are housed in the boat house of the former Warnemuende Yacht Club. They conduct signalling exercises on the soles and around the harbor. 50X1-HUM

E. The Sea Police in Warnemuende have vessels which apparently correspond to the former catchers (Fang-Boote) of the Torpedo Versuchs-Instalt (TVI), Eckernfoerde. Such a vessel with a crew of German Sea Police put into Warnemuende [] and went upstream to a berth near the Warnow turning basin (near the shipyard). No West Zone fishermen were observed in the harbor. 50X1-HUM

6. General:

[] an English reconnoiteror (sic) is supposed to have been fired upon with heavy flak fire.

There has been a renewed wave of rapes in the Damgarten area since the arrival of new Siberian troops at the airfield which has been built there by the Russians.

Wooden watch towers stand all along the coast from Travemuende to Warnemuende. The interval between towers is about three sea miles. Most are located on the bluffs. However, the tower near Luegitz (about 54 degrees 10 min latitude, and 11 degrees 42 min longitude) stands directly on the beach. There are three watch towers on the stretch from Travemuende to Klueck.

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7. Information

[redacted] more than 100 Russian fish cutters and
fish luggers in small groups passed the sound [redacted] with destination
Archangel. Sometimes they were under the guidance of mother ships.

The Russian ocean-going tug, APOLLON of about 500 tons entered
Helsingborg [redacted]. The APOLLON is the type of
ocean-going tug which was built in Turku and commandeered by the Germans
there during the war. At present these are being ordered by the Soviets.

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